

ROSEBUD CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2016

7:00 PM

USDA Service Center, 270 S. Prospect, Forsyth, MT 59327

5:00 PM Meeting called to order by Doug McRae RCD Chairman @ 7:05pm.

Board Members Present:

Reg Hoff, Bonnie Prince, Dave Davenport, Doug McRae

Board Members Absent:

Alan Mereness, Jason Brewer, Don Youngbauer

Others Present:

Rocky Schwagler, Bobbi Vannattan

Guests:

Brad Sauer, Wallace A. Thompson

Treasure Report:

Available at the meeting.

- Dave made a motion to approve the treasure report,
- Reg Second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minutes:

The draft minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting are in your packet.

- Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Expense Vouchers:

Let me know what you have going on.

Administrator Report: Report included in this packet

Outreach & Education:

Next big event is the Fair booth

Meeting Schedule:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2016. Rocky suggested instead of a meeting, meet and go for a tour of some of the different plantings producers have used the drill for this spring.

OK

Ty Moring would like to have field day on his place and see some of the reclamation that has gone on at the mines.

Loans:

Wallace A. Thompson-\$50k sprinkler system for irrigation

- Dave made a motion to approve the loan for Wallace Thompson,
- Reg Passed,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Shane McKinney, \$50K Wheel line irrigation system.

Application withdrawn

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Clearing up some issues with Weights and Schwarzkopf & Schwarzkopf. Land descriptions overlapped. Should all be corrected by the meeting date?

ROM's:

310- Permit Applications:

RR-stabilization project on the Yellowstone west of Forsyth- I have contacted Matthew Heim, BNSF, at this time the contact who is responsible for projects with the Railroad for this area has no information on the project. He was not aware of it and has not been able to gather any information on it, he has kept in contact with me and I did take him onsite. The district can decide what action to take.

Send a letter to them concerning the project and work with DNRC to see what the legal route is for not submitting an application on a project where the 310 application is one of many required permits.

We have had requests by private individuals for copies of the Ferguson 310 Project #310-16-02. Most documents are public information and have been provided as requested.

Reserved Water:

New Business:

Brad Sauer:

He would like the district to help find funding for water monitoring on the Rosebud Creek and Tongue River. Information in your packets

USGS funding is drying up on the existing monitoring sites and they are looking for partners that will help financially.

The district does not support at this time.

Heather Nenninger 223 grant request:

Information included in this packet, she would like the cd to sponsor a 223 grant requesting funds for materials head cutting techniques. Identify budget.

- Dave made a motion to support both through the grant program and to match \$500,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Macd Dues: \$4,786.01

The district currently supports the SGI Program in the amount of \$2000/year.

- Dave made motion to pay \$2,900 in dues,
- Reg Second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

2016 Soil Health Workshop:

Brendon Rockey & Jay Fuhrer, Jill Clapperton, Gregg Simonds, and Jimmy Clemmons are all available. I am still working on their bios' to put our poster and add to our website.

Rebecca Larson is also available to speak a few minutes.

Soil Health Initiative:

2 signups this year already- Yablonski and Larsen

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No-Till Drill:

Delivery is scheduled for June 5th. What to do with the current drill?

- Dave made a motion to list the drill for \$45,000,
- Reg Second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Newsletter: still behind

YRCDC: Don Youngbauer:

NRCS: Rocky Schwagler:

Might need to get a Floor Jack for the Drill to put under the back wheel while they calibrate it. Ryan White would like to organize a meeting or group to see what they are doing in their area, and share what others are doing.

There is a Soil Health Tour in Baker August 30th & 31st.

Range Committee: Dave Davenport

CBMPA: resolutions support or not support? In your packets.

Forests in Focus:

Tour on June 28th: The tour will be June 28th and will likely be focused around the Stacey area and the Whitetail Divide. Who wants to go? ☺

The program ends December 31st, 2016

Two projects completed and paid. Expect the rest to complete over the summer.

Funding has come available for up to 4 more projects similar to the current FIF and stewardship projects we have done in the past.

Budget: FY 16 is in your packets

- Reg made a motion to change the current budget by moving \$2k of the dues budget to the workshop budget for the FY 17,
- Bonnie second the motion,
- All in favor and the motion passed.

Employee Review: that time of year again form is in your packets, we will complete one form at the meeting. Please review the administrator report if you haven't already.

Tabled until July Meeting

Next meeting Agenda:

Soil health 2016

Land Values for the NIL calculations

Employee review

Possibility of hiring a part time employee

Open Mike Board Members:

Public Comments:

ADJOURN: Motion by Dave Davenport @10:40 PM

6:30 pm: